

Children's Chatter

Hey, Children's Department! Why do you keep moving everything around??

I received some exciting news in July: City Council approved my funding request to renovate the Children's Area! The master plan includes new furniture, new flooring, and moving shelves to create an open area for families to hang out and read. The first step in this renovation process involves relocating the nonfiction, biographies, fiction, and graphic novels. This will initially create some confusion, but in the end it will be much more user-friendly, I promise! Eventually I will have to shift some of the picture books around, too, so be prepared for that change as well.

The moral of the story: If you can't find something, **please ask!** We don't mind helping you out.

On another note:

We loved seeing so many of you in the library this summer! Thank you for participating in the Summer Reading Program, checking out books, and tuning into our virtual storytimes. Your support means the world to us!

Happy reading!

~Ms. Emily

Summer Circulation

Our circulation stats are not what they were pre-pandemic, but the numbers are still really good. Case in point: this summer, you checked out over **13,000** items! **WOW.** Picture books and fiction were the most popular items, but nonfiction and biographies held their own, too. Here are some highlights:

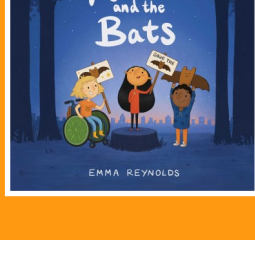
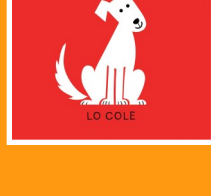
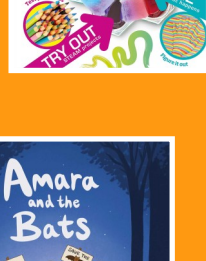
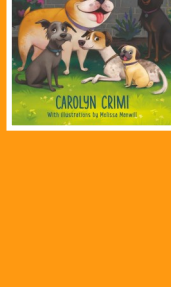
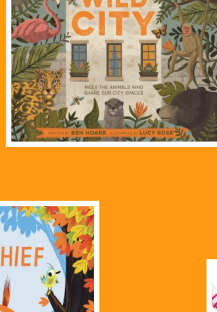
Picture books: 3,623
Fiction & 1st Chapter: 2,555
Nonfiction & biographies: 1,678
 DVDs: 1,334
 I Can Read books: 1,094
 New books: 1,007
 Graphic novels: 711
 Board books: 680

I've noticed an interesting change in our overall circulation.

The summer before the pandemic, children's materials made up 37% of the total items circulated. This summer, children's materials made up **41%** of the total. It's not a huge shift, but it tells me just how important the library is to our local families during these tough times. Thanks for sticking with us!

New Books!

Oooh, shiny.



Fall Reading Challenge

We're trying out a new platform for our reading challenges! Beginning in October, you will be able to sign up for our "Year of Diverse Stories" and "Fall in Love With Reading" challenges by using Beanstack, an online reading tracking tool. With Beanstack, you can log your reading, complete reading activities, and earn badges and prizes! More details will be available at the end of September, so stay tuned!

More eBooks!

Do you use the Libby app or website? You can now add the Library of Virginia to your account and check out ebooks from their collection, too! Here's how you do it:

1. Open the app and click on the round Libby icon
2. Click on "Add a Library" and search for "Library of Virginia"
3. When it asks you to sign in, click on "Choose Another Location" and select "Roanoke Valley Libraries"
4. Enter your library card number

Ta-da! You're in! Now you can check out and place holds on all the items owned by the Library of Virginia.

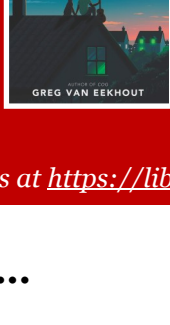
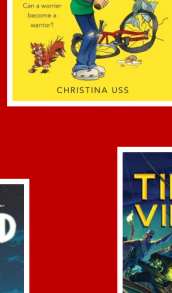
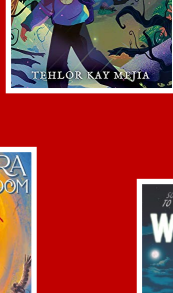
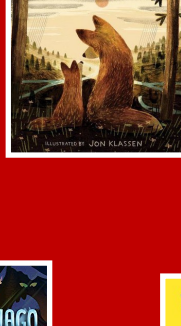
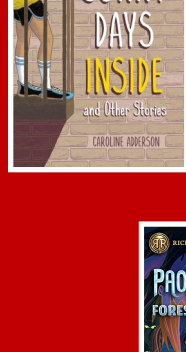
To switch between libraries, just click on the round Libby icon and select the library you want to use.

Zoom & Grabbies

We are having a ton of fun at our **Zoom Storytimes!** Join us every Wednesday morning at 10 am for fun stories and songs. Email us to receive the Zoom meeting password!

Visiting the library? Grab a **Grabbie** while you're here! These fun crafts are perfect non-electronic entertainment.

Check out our latest digital editions!



Find more great ebooks at <https://libbyapp.com/library/rvl>

Final thoughts...

"When I was young, we couldn't afford much. But my library card was my key to the world."

~John Goodman